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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Patent Application of

Christopher A. HELLIWELL et al.

Application No.: 10/055,001

Filing Date: January 25, 2002

Title: METHODS AND MEANS FOR PRODUCING EFFICIENT SILENCING CONSTRUCT USING  
RECOMBINATIONAL CLONING

Group Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: Quang Nguyen

Confirmation No.: 7679

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.

☐ Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) fee per  
Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.

☒ Also enclosed is/are Corrected Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney; Return Receipt Postcard

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☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.

☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the  
☐ \$385.00 (2801) ☐ \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

☐ Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered.  
Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.

☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_\_\_\_  
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on \_\_\_\_\_,  
for which continued examination is requested.

☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_\_\_,  
which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R.  
§ 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also  
enclosed.

- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below.

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	28	MINUS 32 =	0	x \$18.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	6	MINUS 7 =	0	x \$86.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$290.00 (1203)					
Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					<b>\$ 0.00</b>

- ☐ A check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed for the fee due.
- ☐ Charge \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.
- ☐ Charge \_\_\_\_\_ to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

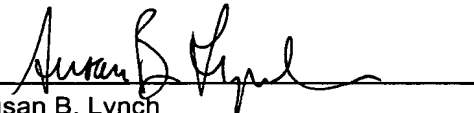
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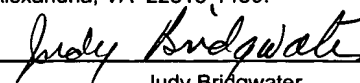
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In re Patent Application of	)	<b>Mail Stop Amendment</b>
Christopher A. HELLIWELL et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1636
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CONSTRUCT USING RECOMBINATIONAL	)	
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**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action herein, mailed 19 May 2004, the time for response to which is set to expire 19 August 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Claims 18, 19, 23 and 28-33 have been withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a nonelected invention. Claims 1-12, 20-22 and 24-27 are rejected, and claims 13-17 are objected to. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendments and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.